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MEMORANDUM TO THE MINISTER

CITIZENSHIP MODERNIZATION AND ACCESSIBILITY

FOR APPROVAL

SUMMARY

- The purpose of this memorandum is to seek your approval N/R
- N/R
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- It is recommended that you check the "I concur" box, and sign this memo by July 27, 2022,

BACKGROUND:

N/R

- reflecting your mandate commitments to eliminate citizenship application fees, improve processing times, address systemic inequities, and advance Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples.



s.21(1)(a)

s.21(1)(b)

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- However, Budget 2022 did announce the Government's intent to introduce legislative amendments to the *Citizenship Act* to enable automated and machine-assisted processing and the safe and secure collection and use of biometric information.

CURRENT STATUS:

N/R

- Additionally, given your mandate commitment to eliminate fees, which will further enhance accessibility to Canadian citizenship through the elimination of financial barriers,

N/R

OPTIONS

N/R

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N/R

N/R

CONSIDERATIONS:

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- Citizenship application fees are set out in a schedule to the *Citizenship Regulations* (see Annex B) and, for the most part (except for grants), have remained unchanged since their initial introduction. Of note, in fiscal year 2019-2020, citizenship grants accounted for approximately 80% of applications received while citizenship proofs accounted for a little over 4%. About $133M was deposited into the consolidated revenue fund, with the grant of citizenship line of business accounting for over 95% of the revenues.

- Changes related to fees require Treasury Board and Governor-in-Council approval. N/R

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS:

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

N/R

s.21(1)(a)

s.21(1)(b)

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COMMUNICATIONS IMPLICATIONS

- Media and social media interest is expected to pick up once the Department communicates its plans.

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- Products can include a news release, backgrounder, key messages, questions and answers, social media and web updates. A more detailed communications strategy would be developed once an option is chosen.

s.21(1)(a)
s.21(1)(b)

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RECOMMENDATION & NEXT STEPS:

- It is recommended that you check the "I concur" box, and sign this memo by July 27, 2022,

N/R

a/DM Campbell Jarvis e-approved July 15, 2022
Caroline Xavier
Acting Deputy Minister

☐ I concur
☒ I do not concur

[signature]
The Hon. Sean Fraser, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship

Annexes (2):
Annex A - N/R
Annex B - Schedule of Fees

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SCHEDULE OF CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP FEES

Application/line of business	Service Fee	Right of Citizenship Fee	Last Amended
Grant of citizenship – adults	$530	$100	2015
Grant of citizenship – minors applying on their own	$100	-	2018
Grant of citizenship – adoptees, minors	$100	-	2007
Grant of citizenship – adoptees, adults	$530	$100	2015
Grant of citizenship – minors applying as dependent	$100	-	1995
Grant of citizenship – stateless (adults)	$0	$100	2009
Grant of citizenship – Stateless minors	$0	-	2009
Grant of citizenship – resumption (18 and over)	$530	-	2015
Grant of citizenship – resumption (under 18)	$100	-	1997
Proof of citizenship, adult/minor	$75	-	1997
Search of records of citizenship (no charge when combined with a proof of citizenship application)	$75	-	1997
Renunciation of citizenship (regular)	$100	-	1995
Renunciation of citizenship (simplified)	$0	-	2008